

REMEDATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR

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FINAL REMINDER – SOUTHEAST REGION CONSULTANT DAY ON THURSDAY

The RR Program's Southeast Regional Consultant Day, on **Thursday, October 28**, starts at 8:30 a.m. at the Midway – Milwaukee/Brookfield in Brookfield. If you have not already registered, you may register at the door. Topics include adequate site investigations, cover systems as soil performance standards, vapor intrusion, building on historic waste fill sites, brownfields and updates on the Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Fund (DERF) and PECFA. Continuing education credits may be earned for attending this seminar. For more information, please see <http://www.fetinc.org/>

DNR CENTRAL OFFICE POWER OUTAGE SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6

DNR's central office in Madison will experience a power outage on Saturday, **November 6** as Madison Gas & Electric replaces a transformer. The outage will begin at 6 a.m. on Saturday and may last eight-hours, or possibly longer. During this outage, visitors to DNR's web site will see an announcement redirecting them to web addresses in the Department of Administration (DOA). DNR's administrative rules will remain available through the DOA web site, but other on-line services, including RR Program web pages, the Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System (BRRTS), and the GIS Registry of Closed Remediation Sites, will not be available. Web site users should be able to access all on-line services again by Sunday after 6 a.m.

MINOR ERROR IN SITE ASSESSMENT GRANT INSTRUCTIONS

A consultant has identified an error in the new Site Assessment Grant (SAG) instructions. The table on page 17 shows eligible and ineligible costs. On the bottom, under "Grant Activities/ Past Costs", the "Ineligible" column lists "costs incurred by a local governmental unit other than the applicant". While it is true that activities carried out under a SAG award must be paid by the grant recipient, past costs may have been incurred by any local government. The application form and the summary of rule changes on page 2 correctly explain that any local government may have incurred these past costs. SAG applications are due on **November 12**, 2004. For more information, including changes to the application form and the scoring, please see the new application form at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/sag.htm>.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FILES SUIT FOR LAKE SUPERIOR CONTAMINATION

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has filed a lawsuit against Northern States Power (NSP) Company to recover approximately \$1.4 million that DNR has spent investigating hazardous substance contamination in Lake Superior and on the lakefront adjacent to NSP's Ashland property. NSP's predecessors owned and operated a manufactured gas plant on the property for about 60 years, starting in the 1880s. As a result, the soil, groundwater, and parts of Lake Superior adjacent to the property are contaminated with coal tar, oils, solvents and other hazardous substances. NSP agreed in 2003 to investigate the contamination. Prior to 2003, however, much of the investigative work was conducted by DNR, which incurred costs of just over \$1.4 million before NSP took over. For more information, see the DOJ press release at http://www.doj.state.wi.us/news/nr101904_ENV.asp

GIS REGISTRY SUBMITTALS

Our regional offices have experienced some difficulties with GIS Registry submittals that include locations where contamination has spread to multiple adjacent properties or to rights-of-way. The problem is that the required information is not always “matched” with the appropriate property. To speed our review and processing, and to help prevent errors, please arrange the information for this type of site under these headings: 1) site address; 2) property owner; 3) property identification number (PIN); 4) volume & page where deed is recorded; 5) WTM coordinates; and 6) contamination in soil, groundwater or both?

ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

The 19th annual Governor's Award for Excellence in Environmental Performance will be presented in March at the Federation of Environmental Technologists (FET) Conference in Milwaukee. Nominations are due on **December 1**, 2004. Nominations may include companies, organizations or businesses that have reduce waste toxicity or emissions, enhanced economic performance through environmental improvements, transferred improvements to others, or committed to help others by sharing information and expertise. For more information, please see the FET web site at <http://www.fetinc.org/>.